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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE — December 2019

Cindy Cagle

xI would like to thank Doug Nyholm for filling in and being our speaker for our November meeting. His knowledge of notes and information concerning coins, bills, and books, including those he has authored, is expansive, and the information he was able to provide us last month was interesting and valuable!

I want everyone to know that we will be having our Christmas Dinner on December 10, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the auditorium room instead of the normal room. The cost is \$12.00 a plate for anyone under the age of 12, and \$15.00 a plate for everyone else over the age of 13. The Society will be covering a portion of this cost and that is why the price is fixed as mentioned. We will be having our drawings for everyone who has been attending our meetings and volunteering within the UNS throughout this year.

This Christmas Dinner will be catered by Catering by Bryce that night. There will be a choice of 2 entrees that are Butter crumb Chicken and Briskets.

Cindy Cagle

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December - Christmas Dinner / 6 PM



THE COVER THIS MONTH SHOWS A PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN BRIGHAM CITY NATIONAL BANK TYPE 2 SMALL SIZE NOTE AND THE BRIGHAM CITY BANK BUILDING



1786 New Jersey copper.
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1795 Flowing Hair Half Dollar.
O-119, T-1. Rarity-4. Two Leaves.
MS-64 (PCGS).
Realized \$144,000



1796 Draped Bust Half Dollar.
Small Eagle. O-101, T-1.
Rarity-5-. 15 Stars.
AU-58+ (PCGS).
Realized \$228,000



1838-O Capped Bust Half Dollar.
Reeded Edge.
HALF DOL. GR-1. Rarity-7.
Specimen-63 (PCGS). CAC.
Realized \$504,000



1829 Capped Bust Half Dollar.
O-120. Rarity-8. Small Letters.
VG-10 (PCGS).
Realized \$72,000



1839 Liberty Seated Half Dollar.
No Drapery. WB-2. Rarity-3.
MS-64 (NGC). CAC. OH.
Realized \$75,000



1854-O Liberty Head Double Eagle.
Winter-1, the only known dies. EF-45 (NGC).
Realized \$240,000



1839 Capped Bust Half Dollar.
Reeded Edge. HALF DOL. GR-1.
Rarity-7. Small Letters.
EF-40 (PCGS). CAC.
Realized \$90,000



1798 Capped Bust Right
Quarter Eagle. BD-1. Rarity-5+.
Close Date, 4 Berries.
AU-53 (PCGS).
Realized \$78,000



1851 Augustus Humbert \$50.
Reeded Edge. K-5-. Rarity-5.
880 THOUS., Target Reverse. MS-61 (NGC).
Realized \$120,000



1879 Four-Dollar Gold Stella.
Flowing Hair. Judd-1635, Pollock-1833.
Rarity-3. Gold. Reeded Edge.
Proof-65 Cameo (PCGS). CAC.
Realized \$204,000

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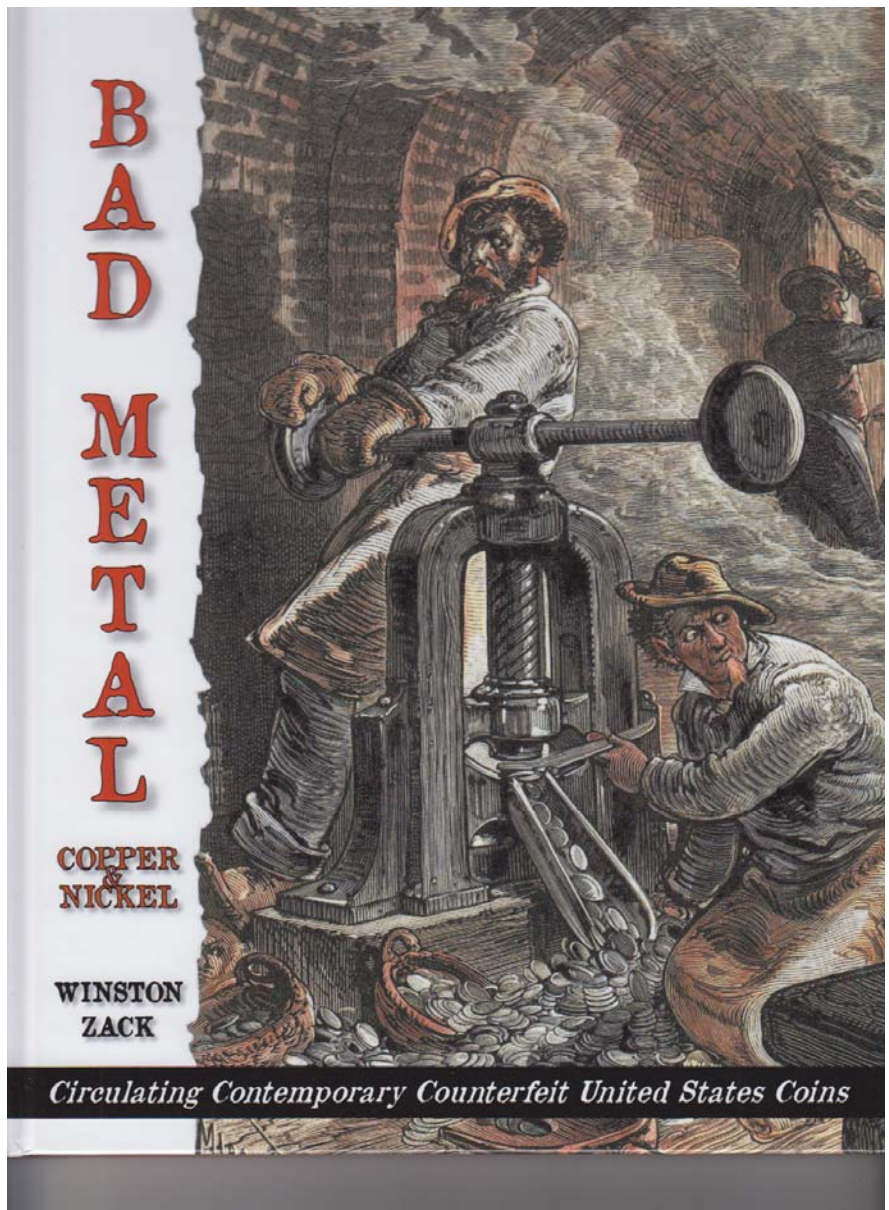
I received two great books in the mail last month, one, 'Early Dated Coins of Europe' which is reviewed elsewhere in this newsletter, and Winston's Zack's 'Bad Metal.' I was going to hold off regarding the latter for a review in January but there was a section in Zack's book regarding Mormon Counterfeiters which is reprinted here with the authors approval. When I wrote my book on Mormon Currency I briefly mentioned Mormon counterfeiting but was unable to uncover any specifics other than rumors. I corresponded with Winston Zack and his research and conclusion were of similar nature, but the following three pages certainly have some significant information regarding this subject and I thought I would share it with the UNS

In general regard to 'Bad Metal' I think that it is an amazing book covering in great depth a subject that has little written about it, namely, contemporary, or circulating counterfeit coins from the 19th century. This book is the first of three or possibly more books by Zack on this subject and covers the basics of copper and nickel counterfeits. The second will cover silver, the third gold. He covers extensively the subject starting with exactly what

these coins are, how they were used, and their collectability. Then he covers the types of counterfeits, cast and die struck and the process utilized in their manufacture. Additionally, their diagnostics and how to identify these contemporary counterfeits. Finally, this first volume identifies and has pictured many copper and nickel counterfeits. As is the nature of circulating counterfeits most with a little study and knowledge can be detected but at the time many actually circulated widely for significant periods of time. I don't think that the author has left anything out of this book, and it makes fascinating reading. If you enjoy coins and any form of collecting, I guarantee that you will enjoy this book immensely.

It is printed on glossy paper, in full color with many pictures and illustrations. It has 265 pages and is available from \$79 directly from the author.

He can be located at his website www.badmetalcoin.com



Mormon Counterfeiters?

Prior to the U.S. Civil War it seems few, if any demographic in the U.S. was not in some way associated with U.S. coin or paper money counterfeiting. This may even include the Mormons, otherwise known today as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It remains controversial whether the early Mormon founders and congregates were directly or indirectly involved in counterfeiting, or whether anti-Mormon sentiment at this time blamed them for such activities and used them as scapegoats for other local counterfeiters. The following research lays out the historical record.

In 1830 Joseph Smith published the *Book of Mormon* after having a vision of an angel in New York in 1823, directing him to golden plates containing the religious history of an ancient people (Bushman 2008). Smith's congregation grew as he sent missionaries westward. In the early 1830s Mormon settlements were first briefly established in Kirtland, Ohio, and soon after an outpost in Jackson County, Missouri. After being expelled from Jackson County, and later told to leave Clay County, the group settled in Caldwell County, Missouri in 1836. By 1838, tensions between the early Missouri settlers and the Mormon's continued to grow until it escalated into the deadly Mormon War. This resulted in the Governor of Missouri, Lilburn Boggs, ordering the Mormons to leave Missouri.

Between 1838 and 1839, the majority of the Missouri Mormons quickly resettled in Illinois on converted swampland along the banks of the Mississippi River (Bushman 2005). They purchased the town of Commerce and renamed it Nauvoo in 1840 (Historical 1921). The Nauvoo Temple was constructed shortly thereafter, and new immigrants from Europe quickly grew the Mormon settlement. By most accounts the Mormon relocation into Nauvoo was initially tolerated by the locals. But just as in Missouri, local prejudices and politics against the Mormons began to fester among the non-Mormons.

The climax of hostility against the Mormons in Illinois started in 1844 with the arrest of Joseph Smith, President of The Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter-day Saints, and his brother Hyrum, his likely successor. On June 25, 1844 Joseph and Hyrum were jailed in Carthage, Illinois, which was located about 20 miles southeast of Nauvoo. They were arrested on the charges of treason, counterfeiting, perjury, polygamy, inciting riot, and ordering the destruction of the newspaper the *Nauvoo Expositor* on June 10; the *Nauvoo Expositor* was established by a group of non-Mormons and those who left the Mormon Church, and only one issue was ever published.

Immediately after Joseph and Hyrum were taken into custody, Governor Ford learned of the potential counterfeiting occurring in Nauvoo, and headed there with troops to "detect and annihilate the [Nauvoo] bogus [coin] factory." In the meantime, Ford ironically ordered the Carthage Grey's, an anti-Mormon militia, to protect the Smith's while they were still in jail.

In the late afternoon of June 27 a mob of about 200 armed men attacked the jail (as illustrated below). The Grey's provided little resistance and some even encouraged the mob. Joseph and Hyrum were eventually killed, but two other Mormon prisoners, Willard Richards and John Taylor, survived the attack.



The death of Joseph and Hyrum brought chaos, dysfunction, uncertainty, and fear to the Mormon community. Anti-Mormon sentiment continued to grow in communities surrounding Nauvoo, and multiple indictments were made against the "Holy Twelve" including theft, murder, and counterfeiting.

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Accounts of Mormon Counterfeiting

In April of 1844, shortly before Joseph and Hyrum were jailed, reports of "Nauvoo Bogus," as it was known then, in circulation were beginning to spread. The April 24, 1844 issue of the *Warsaw Signal* stated, "They are a pretty good imitation of the genuine coin...some of our business men have been imposed upon by them. It is said they are manufactured in the City of the Saints."

This was followed by the first known, official charge of counterfeiting against a member of the Mormon faith on July 26, 1844. George Reader, a Mormon preacher, was arrested in St. Louis for attempting to pass counterfeit half dollars.

A Mormon preacher, named George Reader, with a printed certificate signed by Joe Smith, has been arrested at St. Louis for having attempted to pass counterfeit half dollars.

The Democratic Signal, July 26, 1844.

By 1845, several accounts of Nauvoo Bogus were reported in local papers, including coins and paper money from the Indiana Bank. The following account from the *Ottawa Free Trader* dated October 17, 1845 reports on such an incident.

Nauvoo is the head quarters of bogus making, though no one pretends that Mormons have anything to do with it. The material is brought up in bars from St. Louis; and it is run into money by sundry Englishmen who make dies. One of these Englishmen moved into Iowa where he keeps tavern for horse-thieves, counterfeiters, robbers, &c., &c. He undersells the Nauvoo manufacturers both in bogus and dies.

One of the principal counterfeiters lives in De Kalb county; he sells it two for one, but never tries to pass it except to his confidants. He goes east once or

The Ottawa Free Trader, October 17, 1845.

Later that year, on December 17, 1845, the Grand Jury of the U.S. District Court in Springfield, Illinois found 12 indictments for counterfeiting coins of the U.S. against the head men of

The Mormons—Startling Developments—Joe Smith, &c. Counterfeiters.

Correspondence of The New-York Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Illinois, Dec. 17, 1845.

The Grand Jury of the U. S. District Court, now in session here, have for the past week been investigating the state of affairs at Nauvoo. The result is, they have found twelve indictments, (mostly against the head men of the Mormon Church) for counterfeiting the Coin of the United States.—Among the number indicted are Brigham Young, President of "THE TWELVE," and Orson Pratt, a prominent leader.

I learn that the developments are most startling.—It appears that counterfeiting has been the principal part of the business there for some years, and that it has been carried on by the heads of the Church.—The amount counterfeited has been immense, and the execution has been so nice, as in many cases to prevent its being detected. The Prophet, Joe Smith, used to work at the business with his own hands.

New York Daily Tribune, December 31, 1845.

MORMONS.—The principal leaders of the Mormons have been indicted for counterfeiting, by the grand jury at Springfield, Illinois. These fanatics will be driven out of Illinois in some way. A real history of this indictment would be a curiosity. The crisis of Mormonism is approaching in Illinois. There will be more bloodshed there—and plenty of it too. The Mississippi will be red with human gore before long, springing from the Mormon business.

The New York Herald, January 1, 1846.

the Mormon Church, the "Holy Twelve."

At this time, the amount of Nauvoo Bogus produced was said to be "immense." It was reported that Joseph Smith said he would "beat the mint" and that he used to "work at the business with his own hands." Apparently, the counterfeiting work was conducted "in a mill, underneath the Temple through a secret trap door," where they made "Mexican Dollars, and American Half Dollars and Dimes...so perfect as to escape the most rigid scrutiny of the eye—the outer coat being pure silver." It was also reported that the Mormons had "three presses for counterfeiting the coin," and that they "sold the spurious money for 75, 50 and 25 cents for the dollar. That for which the highest price was asked, is said to be so perfect..." (American 1846).

After the 12 indictments against the Mormon leaders in the winter of 1845-6, and to prevent more bloodshed or another War, the Mormon leaders and followers began preparations for the "Mormon Exodus" west. The Mormons eventually settled in the Utah Territory. Once settled, Brigham Young instigated a coinage system and personally supervised the mint which was housed in a little adobe building in Salt Lake City. The mint was inaugurated in 1848 as a public convenience (Yeoman 2013).

Conclusion

Nearly all accounts of Mormon counterfeiting came after the murder of Joseph Smith, a time when anarchy, unrest, and lawlessness against the Mormon's in and around Nauvoo was at its most extreme. Counterfeit money and counterfeiters were also relatively common in this part of the country, so much so that it was essentially a fabric of society. As such, some, or all of these accounts may have been exaggerated to bolster the anti-Mormon sentiment to more quickly expel Mormons from the State, regardless whether those claims were true or false.

If members of the Mormon faith were counterfeiting, it may have been out of necessity. For instance, after Joseph Smith filed for bankruptcy in May of 1842, as reported in the Mormon newspaper *The Wasp*, he may have started a counterfeiting operation to improve his means.

Alternatively, counterfeiting may have been a way for Joseph to *provide* for and grow his Mormon following and missionary expansion. He may have known local or regional gangs, possibly loosely associated with the 'Banditti of the Prairie,' and created his operation henceforth. Local opposition to the Banditti was generally as strong as anti-Mormonism, with vigilante groups, known as the Regulators, regularly forming.

There was also a fringe element of the Mormon Church known as the "Danites" who, according to Mary Ettie Smith in her biographical narrative *Fifteen Years Among the Mormons*, were assigned to illegal missions by Church leaders (Davignon 1998). Some of these missions may have included counterfeiting, but definitely shoving which Mary claimed her husband used the money to purchase provisions. Mary also noted on their 1846 exodus through Iowa one of the wagons broke down and the press for making

bogus money rolled into sight and was seen by many Mormons (Davignon 1998).

Nevertheless, it is quite coincidental that shortly after the Mormons arrived in Utah, they had the equipment, capacity, and skillset to start minting their own gold coins. However, there is no known connection between the device punches used on their gold coins, and any documented contemporary counterfeit U.S. coin.

Although the Mormons had all but disappeared from Nauvoo by the end of the decade, their counterfeit story still continued there. Mormon counterfeit coins were still being found years later, according to an account in the *Omaha Daily Bee* from April 16, 1874.

ANOTHER evidence of Mormon ingenuity has just come to light. In tearing down the walls of an old Mormon building in Nauvoo last week a large quantity of counterfeit coin was discovered. It was coined in 1840; very probably in obedience to a special revelation.

Omaha Daily Bee. April 16, 1874.

Despite the evidence, testimony, and publications stating some Mormons were either directly or indirectly involved in the counterfeit money business, Roberts (1965) stated that "there [was] not the slightest evidence in existence that the Saints were in any way connected with alleged counterfeiting operations in Nauvoo." While none of the Mormons in and around Nauvoo were ever found guilty of counterfeiting, they may still have been associated with such activities.

Therefore, was it just a lot of anti-Mormon hysteria which brought about baseless charges which motivated the Mormon's to leave Nauvoo and head west, or was there a basis of truth to all these accounts? It is certainly hard to ignore the accounts which specified the denominations being counterfeited. Not to mention there was already so much counterfeit money in circulation it is not unreasonable to assume the evidence at hand is accurate, and Mormons were involved in some counterfeiting operations in Nauvoo. Everyone else seemed to be counterfeiting, and Joseph Smith may not have been as saintly as he attempted to come across!

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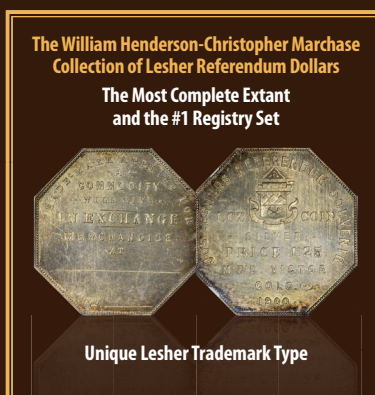
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CULL OF THE WILD (formerly “Tales of the Hunt”)

Modern Day Treasures Culled from Circulation

Greetings, Dear Readers,

Today marks the unveiling and grand re-branding of my column. In a flash of inspiration at the Coin Show, I realized a far more fitting name: **Cull of the Wild**. I'll let you be the judge of its cleverness, but regardless, since I always focus on actual finds I have culled “in the wild,” it made a lot of sense!

One more change I will do from now on is to reference Great Collections auctions for actual sale prices instead of eBay, given that eBay is...well, eBay, and Great Collections tends to draw people who know what they are actually buying and hosts certified specimens of various errors and varieties.

This month, I will draw attention to some interesting finds I've encountered among the 2019 quarters—I acquired dozens of rolls of fresh quarters this year and am still going through them to find mint errors, all of which appear to be previously unknown to collectors—insofar as I have scoured the internet looking for other discoverers. I have relied on the expertise of the forum members at CoinCollecting.com in the “US and Modern Errors” section to validate my finds. I highly recommend their veteran expertise if you have specific questions, as I'm still learning how to identify certain errors.

The downside for these finds is that as they are unknown to the market at large, there are no sales or price references, nor indicators of rarity. Nevertheless, if you happen to have bought fresh rolls of 2019 quarters, this will be a list of legitimate selection mint errors you can hunt for!

Here's my FAQ for the month:

How long does it take to get through a box of quarters, and how do you make time for hunting?

For me, as a young, self-employed professional, my time is my most valuable asset. While I love this hobby and enjoy peering through my loupes and magnifiers to find interesting errors, I try to make sure I'm doing something else productive at the same time—like listening to podcasts and documentaries.

One of the things I loved most about college was learning new things, so I try to keep educating myself in alternative ways, since I'm now several years removed from a classrooms setting. My favorite podcasts are “Freakonomics” and “RadioLab”—both NPR-produced shows available for free online. For documentaries, I choose “talky” historical series, like those produced by Ken Burns for PBS—I can listen to them without needing to focus much on the images or read subtitles, but which are still well-researched and very educational.

Since it takes about two hours to go through a full box of quarters, I'm able to essentially sit through two lectures per box and gain a new understanding of a subject while indulging in this great hobby of ours. Pennies, nickels, and dimes take me about 90 minutes, if I recall correctly, depending on how thoroughly I'm hunting through the contents.

If you decide to get into roll-hunting, I'd love to hear what you enjoy listening to while you hunt!

Now, onto this month's spotlights!

THIS MONTH'S SPOTLIGHTS

2019 D - 25c War in the Pacific “Grease Struck Thru”



Description: This is a standard War in the Pacific quarter that I pulled from the two boxes of mint-fresh 2019 Ds earlier this summer, so I knew the condition was not from circulation. When the coin is this undefined and lacks the mint luster, but has inconsistent strength of strike along the key devices, it can generally be attributed to over-polishing of the dies. Had the device weakness been across the entire face of the coin in a consistent manner, it would likely be a weak strike issue. If the weakness was only around the mid- to outer edges of the lettering, it would be machine roller damage.

Identifying Marks: Inconsistency in strike sharpness on obverse; obscured devices, comparable in appearance to the Kansas “In God We Rust” error; lack of mint luster on new coins.

URS: Unknown

Book Value: N/A—not listed

GC Auction Value: N/A. The Kansas errors go for \$5-7, but this is wide-spread greasing and alters the entire face of the coin, which tends to drive the value up, when legitimate error coins are concerned.

2019 D - 25c San Antonio Missions Die Crack



Description: This was an example of knowing where to look for possible errors on a coin. As I was going through my non-W San Antonio Missions quarters, I noticed what looked like a hairline scratch above one of the smaller designs—the church in the top left quadrant. As I looked closer, I found that the light reflected differently, like an indentation. Under magnification, I saw that the metal was cracked and appeared broken. I got a second opinion on CoinCollecting.com and they confirmed it was a die crack, before the die fully chipped off. With that in mind, I pulled every cracked specimen I found, and am still hoping to find a quarter with the full break—some collectors online have assembled

sets of coins that showcase the progressive cracking of a die to the full break, and it's pretty cool to see!

Identifying Marks: The crack looks at first glance like a fingernail-shaped, very thin crack arcing up. Rotating the coin's face under light shows a warped rectangular indented shape, almost like an extra archway brick. Early stages of the crack show a shorter, more subtle crack. In later stages, the warped surface of the rectangular shape is more pronounced.

URS: Unknown

Book Value: N/A—not listed

GC Auction Value: N/A

2019 P - 25c Frank Church “River of No Return” Die Clash



Description: This was the first error among the 2019 P Frank Church quarters that I noticed. When inspecting new issues of coins, the empty fields in the design can be a quick way to spot clashes, cracks, and struck-thrus. I noticed this die clash while rotating the coin towards a light source. After pulling US Mint images of the design, flipping one 180-degrees and mirroring, then overlaying with lower opacity, it tracked to the crease along Washington's neck and ponytail.

Identifying Marks: The clash looks like a healed scar or a wisp of smoke rising from between the peak of the boat's bow and the mountain in the background, running North-South with a some slight curvature. At some angles, it's barely noticeable, but at an angle, the raised seam is quite clear and can be seen with the naked eye.

URS: Unknown

Book Value: N/A—not listed

GC Auction Value: N/A

2019 P - 25c Frank Church “River of No Return” Die Chip



Description: The jury is still out on exactly what has caused this error, but it's likely a chip in the die that led to the raised area left of the hat of the rower. While looking through the non-W Frank Church quarters, after checking the fields, I started looking at any of the more intricate areas, where chips and cracks are most likely to happen. Before long, I noticed something that didn't look right—the chip below the brim of the hat. Sometimes, that's how you stumble on new errors; you'll have seen so many of the same coin in a row that any difference jumps out at you! The inset image is an example of a “normal” quarter that has no chip.

Identifying Marks: A “dripping” or what appears to be a tree trunk-shaped raised area, approximately the depth of the hat and brim to the left of the head of the rower.

URS: Unknown

Book Value: N/A—not listed

GC Auction Value: N/A

Well, this wraps up another month's installation of the “Cull of the Wild.” Hopefully you can catch some of these on your own! Check back next month for more of my finds!

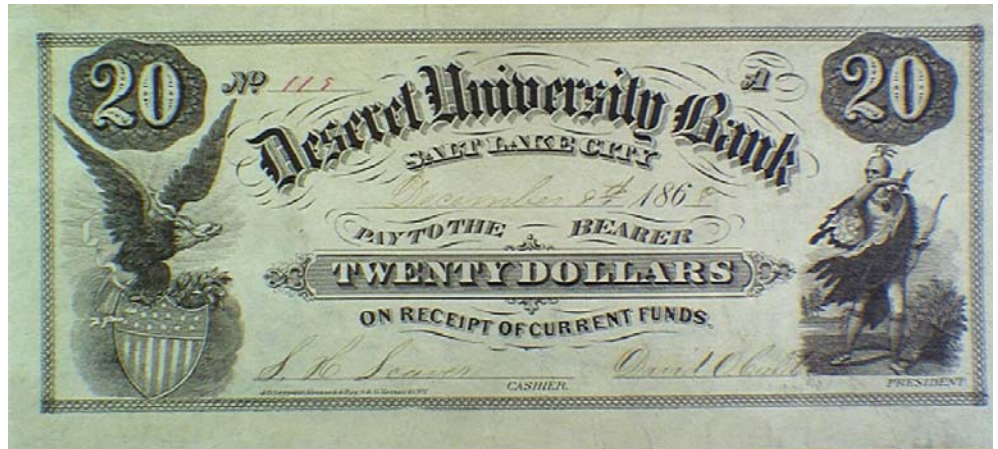
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NEW DISCOVERIES

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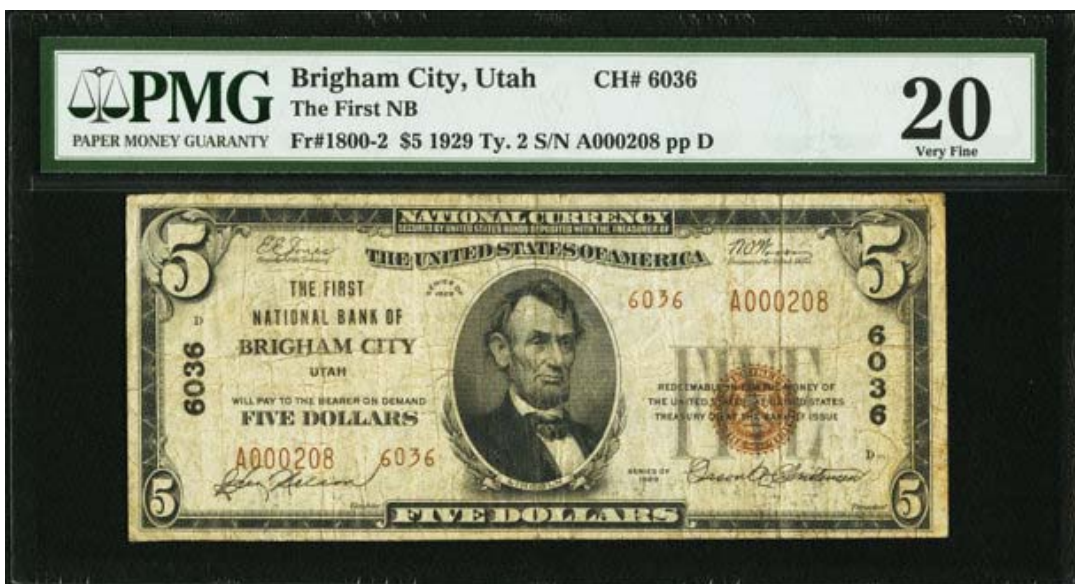
Last month I spoke at our UNS meeting and discussed research, treasure, and discoveries that are waiting to be found. Since then not one but two new discoveries relating to Utah and the Mormons have come to my attention.

The first is the discovery of a previously unknown denomination from the highly collectable series from the Deseret University Bank. The series of notes from this institution was never meant to circulate in any fashion but rather to be used in the business college for training. These notes appeared similar to currency and were issued in two series. An earlier series which in my book,



'Mormon Currency,' I described as Type 1. This Type 1 series of notes is known by only a small number of various denominations. The Type 2 notes are somewhat more available, but still quite scarce, and printed with a much more elaborate design. All have standard spaces for the signatures of Cashier and President and many are actually hand signed. Denominations for the Type 2 series were known to exist in denominations of \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10 and \$50. The obvious denomination missing and unknown was the \$20 which now has been discovered. The possibility still exists that a \$3 or \$100 may exist as these were common denominations encountered in commerce in the 1860's. But as of now the \$20 can be added until someday a \$3 or \$100 comes to light. The serial number on the recently discovered \$20 is 118 which eludes that additional examples may still exist. I consider this to be a significant discovery as it definitely fills a gap in the denomination sequence.

The other recent discovery is that of a Type 2 National banknote in the denomination of \$5 from the First National Bank of Brigham City, charter #6036. I



am doing research for a new book on Utah Nationals and although several different types and denominations are known from this Brigham City bank this is the first and only Type 2 example. Records indicate that the bank issued Type 2 notes in the denominations of \$5, \$10 and \$20

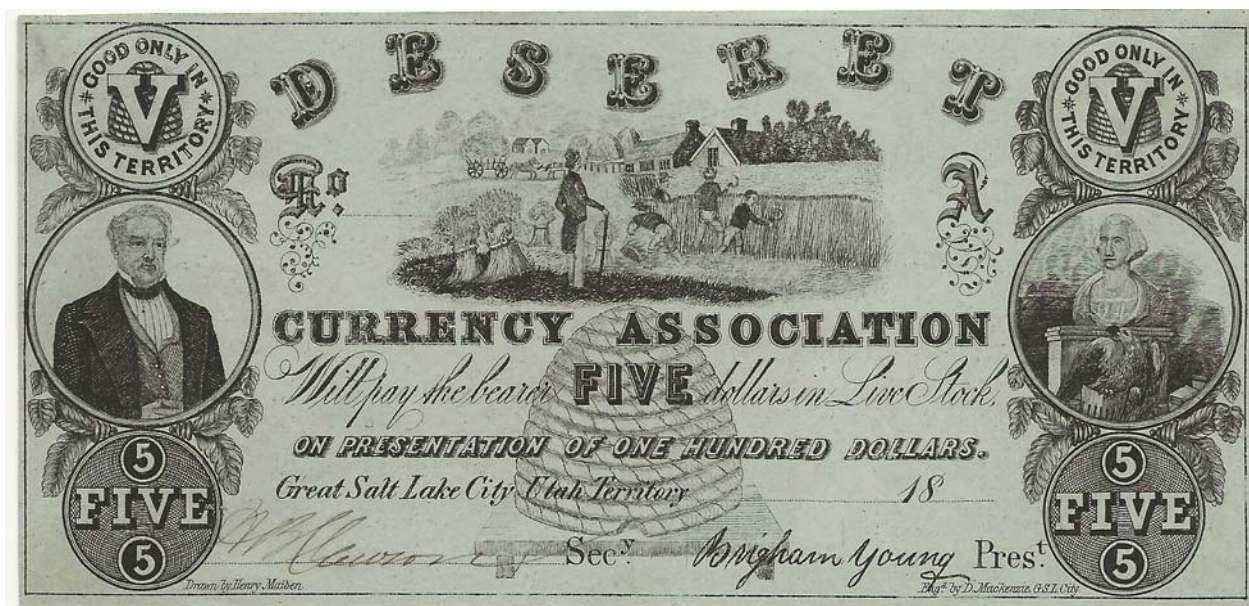
but previously none were known to have survived. Now a single Type 2 note has been brought to light. Most of the time, especially with National Banks, the older large size notes are missing or unknown while the more recent Type 2 notes printed in the 1920's and 30's are more common. Definitely not the case with this bank. Could there be more or, a \$10 or \$20 hiding somewhere from this bank? Possibly so, a scarce type note such as this could easily hide in a dealers stock going unnoticed until some sharp eyed collector spotted it. This is the first new type of Utah National discovered in almost a decade, keep your eyes open.

As I mentioned in my talk last month there are 8 un-reported National Banks in the state of Utah. Discovery of one of these could net you a \$10,000 reward if one were to be found. A couple of years ago I heard rumors about a Provo National in a collection but have never been able to verify it. I honestly believe that one day at least one of these eight unknown banks will surface and that will be a headline day.



Sometimes even the appearance of a known item in outstanding condition can be a major discovery. Take for example the 1793 Strawberry Leaf Large Cents. There are several known but the finest is in barely VG condition. What if an XF or better example were to be discovered! The Deseret Currency Association \$5 which recently came to light in AU condition surpassed only a small handful of notes of this denomination known by at least 3 full grades.

All of the above noted items occurred in the past 60 days and hopefully we won't have to wait years for the next major Utah discovery. Again, know what to look for and keep your eyes open.



COIN FINDS

Doug Nyholm

I wanted to add my two cents worth of circulation coin finds. I realize that I may be giving away a good resource but with as many 'Coin Star' sorting machines in various supermarkets and other stores there is probably enough to go around. For a number of years now when I walk by one of these 'Coin Star' change sorting and redeeming machines I always check the reject bin for whatever may be there. The rejects are usually rusted, bent or otherwise damaged coins and also any foreign coins which the customer may put into the hopper to be counted. It seems like there are a number of people that neglect to check the reject tray and often I find a coin or two sitting there. Timing is everything because the next person who uses the machine will probably check the bin. I have not yet discovered a day or time that works best so I just check every time I see one of these machines.

Over the years I have collected quite a few coins in this manner. My treasure finds are limited to the random 90% silver dime or quarter which slip by the detectors. I have also seen a presidential dollar or two, but mostly damaged or foreign. It is always fun to see. Last week I was in a WinCo Supermarket and just walked by and from 10 feet away saw some glimmering in the reject bin. I walked over and to my astonishment I could not fit all the rejected coins into one hand! The coins consisted of pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and a wafer battery. The jackpot was that one of the quarters was an AU 1964-D silver Washington quarter. A total face value of \$4.49! With the price of silver a value of over \$7.00.

The breakdown was as follows:

Lincoln Cents	39
Jefferson Nickels	8
Roosevelt Dimes	22
Washington Quarters	6
Wafer Battery	1

So, my secret is out. Next time you pass one of these machines give the reject bin a glance, who knows what you may find. If you do garner a jackpot let me know, We'll put your findings in the Mint Master.



The Money Quiz

I	V	X	L	C	D	M
1	5	10	50	100	500	1000



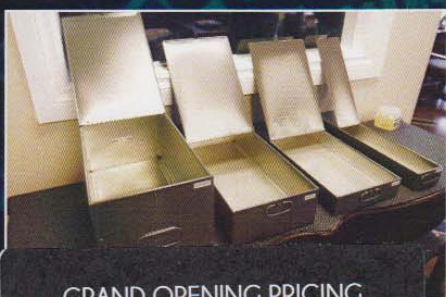
This month the quiz returns with something for everyone.

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1. Roman Numerals are not found anywhere in which of the following coin series?
A) St. Gardens Double Eagles B) Three-Cent Silver
C) Wheat Cents D) Liberty Nickels
2. Which State quarter minted in 2004 was found to have two extra varieties?
A) Hawaii B) Delaware
C) Wisconsin D) Puerto Rico
3. What is a “C” Note?
A) A counterfeit bill B) A \$100 Bill
C) A Confederate bill D) A Hawaii ‘Counter-Stamped Bill
4. The incuse design of \$2.50 and \$5 Indian gold coins was initially rejected by the public because...
A) They thought they were counterfeit B) They thought they were errors
C) They thought they were underweight D) They thought they would harbor germs
5. What is the greatest number of unique people that have ever been on a single note?
A) 42 B) 16
C) 2 D) 4

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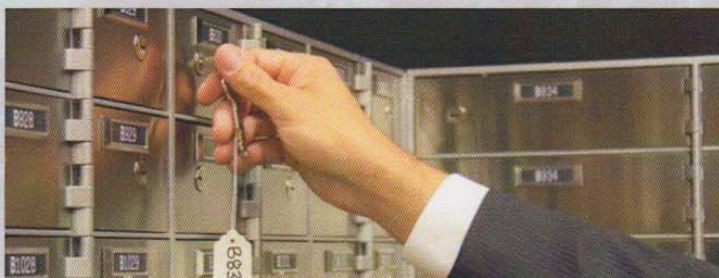
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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

First of all, I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. I hope 2019 has been prosperous for you and your family and you have filled many gaps and holes in your collections. Numismatics is not a finite hobby so may all of you continue and locate additional treasures in 2020. I type 2020 and remember when 2000 was a big deal and how different it was going to be saying two thousand rather than nineteen something. Now there are a number of you and new young collectors who were born into this new millennium and probably think that 19xx is something ancient. I remember spending Morgan dollars minted in the 1870's and 1880's for face value and now some may remember spending Eisenhower Dollars from the 1970's and think wow, that's a long time ago. When was the last time you saw an Eisenhower dollar in change? For us old geezers, as my wife calls me, it just is not the same. Even to have a pocket full of pre-1965 90% silver coins they even sound different. I do remember how boring having just a Lincoln cent, Jefferson nickel, Roosevelt Dime, and Washington quarter was with nothing ever changing. That has changed, at least half for the cent and nickel and the new varieties of quarters but I would like to see something happen to the dime and realistically I'm tired of dead presidents on our coins. But that's my opinion. So much for my rambling and I hope that all of you have a prosperous New Year and continue to be excited about our hobby of kings. I also encourage each of you to bring a friend, relative or two to one of our meetings this year and help increase our membership.

The item shown to the right is something I have never seen before. It was offered on EBay and was described as a Tax Token counter. It was offered at \$300 which was more than I was willing to pay but it is definitely a unique item.



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BOOK REVIEW

EARLY DATED COINS OF EUROPE 1234-1500 / 2ND ED / Robert A. Levinson

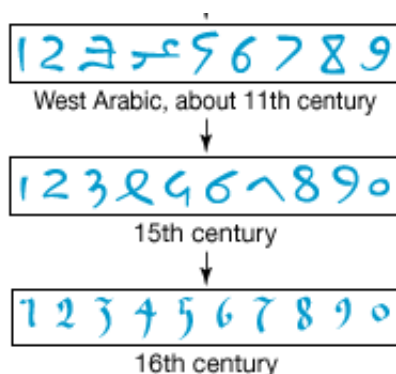
I recently received the updated 2nd edition of this book which is now in full color. The first edition was published in 2007 and has become the benchmark for these coins. You may ask why a second edition, aren't all of these early coins accounted for and known? The answer is no, this edition contains over 150 new pieces and there are now over 1250 known types and subtypes listed for these early interesting coins. Additionally, there are over 500 updates and more than 200 new photographs.

I don't collect these early dated coins although at one time I did possess a 1499 dated coin. I have however always been interested in just how early the dating of coins went. Have you ever come across that Scheckel dated 45 B.C.? That is a often heard joke regarding coins dated B.C. and of course that couldn't happen. According to Robert Levinson's book the earliest dated coin is 1234, still quite old. The dating of early coins was quite sporadic however.

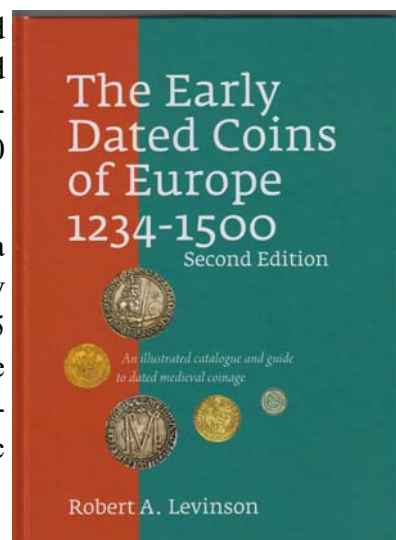
The book contains an 18-page introduction which made fascinating reading and was a mini-college course regarding early European coinage. The 1234 Roskilde bishopric denier from Denmark holds the honor of being the first dated coin. Interestingly the next dated coin wouldn't appear for another 138 years and carry the date 1372. The idea that coins should be dated was not widespread in Europe until the late 16th century and didn't become widespread or somewhat universal until the early 19th century. Many early coins were identified not by exact date but generalized as to the reign of the King or ruler depicted on the coin.

As far as collecting these early dated coins, especially the early ones, it becomes quite a challenge and sometimes virtually impossible. The 1234 dated coin is known to the extent of 8 specimens all of except a single coin are impounded in museums. The 1374 Aachen groschen is effectively the first collectable dated coin as the 1372 coin or 1373 coin are all also in museums. For the next 50 years examples of the Aachen coinage are available at times.

The date as it appears on these early coins is also not what you think it is if you are referencing modern coinage and Arabic dates. Many times, the date would appear in Arabic, or Roman Numerals or even a combination of both. Additionally, the date would sometimes be abbreviated from the standard four digits to 3, or 2 and even as a single digit. Also the numbers during the medieval times varied from the way we write them today.



Much more information is available in this book and if you are interested I suggest that you acquire a copy for yourself. It is available directly from the Coin & Currency Institute for \$88.95. It is not an inexpensive book but it does have a wealth of very interesting information. It is 330 pages 8 1/2 x 11 format in full color.



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8	1961 deep cameo Pf. Quarter	43	2002 pf. Sacagawea dollar slab	78	5\$ Tropicana Casino chip	113
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29	2019 W reverse Pf. Cent	64	Big Mac Coin 2018	99	1888 Cent with arrowhead	134
30	1884 O Silver dollar	65	2015 1 1/2 silver maple Rd. CANADA	100	Constitution GOLD & Sil. Set	135
31	2019 Proof set	66	2019 Silver Proof set	101		136
32	5 Star Generals Half \$ Proof	67	Utah St. quarter silver Pf.	102		137
33	2018 Silver Proof set	68	1882 dollar Morgan	103		138
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Quiz Answers

1. C
2. C
3. B
4. D
5. A

The modern 1976 \$2 Bill shows 42 of the signers. Jefferson is shown on both sides thus there are not 43 individuals shown.